

**Wednesday, May 14, 2003**

**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE  
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
RELATING TO THE 2003-04 PROPOSED BUDGET  
TO BE HELD IN ROOM 381B  
OF THE KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION  
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90013  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 2003**

**9:30 A.M.**

Attachment: [Video Transcript](#)

Present: Supervisor Gloria Molina, Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, Supervisor Don Knabe, Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich and Chair Yvonne Brathwaite Burke

The Invocation was given by Supervisor Don Knabe, Fourth Supervisorial District.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Supervisor Don Knabe, Fourth Supervisorial District.

**THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE PRESENTED TO THE BOARD FOR CONSIDERATION  
AND THE BOARD TOOK ACTIONS AS INDICATED IN BOLD.**

**Budget Hearing**

1. Public Hearing on the 2003-04 Proposed Budget. (03-1324)

**RECEIVED AND FILED AND TOOK UNDER ADVISEMENT THE FOLLOWING REQUESTS AND STATEMENTS RELATING TO THE 2003-04 PROPOSED COUNTY BUDGET AS FOLLOWS:**

- 1. STATEMENT OF GORDON STEFENHAGEN, CHAIR OF THE LIBRARY COMMISSION, REGARDING THE IMPORTANCE OF COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARIES IN ALL COMMUNITIES AND REQUESTING THE BOARD TO FIND A WAY TO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE LIBRARIES INCLUDING ASSISTANCE WITH THE PURCHASE OF BOOKS AND MATERIALS SHOULD THE STATE CUT THE PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION GRANTS FROM THE STATE BUDGET.**
- 2. STATEMENT OF MARGARET DONNELLAN TODD, COUNTY LIBRARIAN, REGARDING THE IMPACT ON COUNTY LIBRARIES IF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY BUDGET IS REDUCED BY \$7.3 MILLION AND IF THE STATE ELIMINATES FROM THE ITS BUDGET THE PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION GRANTS.**
- 3. STATEMENTS OF DR. DAVID SANDERS, DIRECTOR AND JOHN OPPENHEIM, CHIEF DEPUTY DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES, REGARDING THE ALTERNATIVE USES OF MACLAREN CHILDREN'S CENTER FUNDING; ADDITIONAL RESOURCES TO THE ADOPTIONS AREA; TITLE 4-B FUNDS FROM THE STATE; AND THE \$9.5 MILLION LEFT IN PROVISIONAL FINANCING USES FOR USE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES.**
- 4. STATEMENT OF DR. MARVIN J. SOUTHARD, DIRECTOR OF MENTAL HEALTH, REGARDING PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH DEFERRED PAYMENT BY THE STATE FOR AB 3632 SERVICES FOR SEVERELY EMOTIONALLY DISTURBED CHILDREN; \$10 MILLION IN SERVICE REDUCTIONS, SPECIFICALLY SERVICES TO INDIGENT CHILDREN; FUNDING ISSUES RELATED TO THE AGREEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR IN-PATIENT SERVICES; AND THE HEALTHY FAMILIES PROGRAM.**
- 5. STATEMENT OF BRUCE SALTZER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY HUMAN SERVICE AGENCIES (ACHSA), REGARDING THE HEALTHY FAMILIES PROGRAM;**

**CURTAILMENTS TO THE MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET; THE LOSS OF TOBACCO SETTLEMENT REVENUE AND AB 3632 FUNDS FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL EDUCATION NEEDS; THE USE OF ONE-TIME REVENUES TO REDUCE PROPOSED CUTS FOR INDIGENT CHILDREN SERVED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH; AND REQUESTING RESTORATION OF \$4.5 MILLION TO**

**THE DEPARTMENT'S BUDGET.**

- 6. STATEMENT OF DR. KITA CURRY, PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, DIDI HIRSCH COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTER AND PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ACHSA, REGARDING THE IMPACT CUTS TO THE MENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT'S BUDGET WILL HAVE ON PROVIDING SERVICES TO CHILDREN.**
- 7. STATEMENT OF GLADYS C. LEE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER OF PACIFIC CLINICS, REQUESTING THE PRESERVATION OF FUNDING FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES PROVIDED TO CHILDREN; AND STATEMENT REGARDING THE HEALTHY FAMILIES PROGRAM.**
- 8. STATEMENT OF TIM GALLAGHER, DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION, REGARDING CURTAILMENTS TO THE DEPARTMENT'S BUDGET, SPECIFICALLY THE RETURN OF STATE-OWNED CASTAIC LAKE AND PLACERITA CANYON NATURAL AREA BACK TO THE STATE; AND REGARDING THE ELIMINATION OF THE TRAIL CREW AND ONGOING NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE L.A CONSERVATION CORPS AND CALIFORNIA CONSERVATION CORPS TO PROVIDE TRAIL MAINTENANCE SERVICES.**
- 9. STATEMENT OF GREGORY C. BROWN, CITY OF LA CAÑADA-FLINTRIDGE COUNCIL MEMBER, REGARDING THE REDUCTION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION'S TRAIL MAINTENANCE BUDGET; THE POTENTIAL LOSS OF A MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR ASSET TO THE COUNTY IF THE TRAILS ARE NOT MAINTAINED BY AN EXPERIENCED SPECIALIZED CREW WITH SPECIALIZED EQUIPMENT; AND REQUESTING THE BOARD TO REVIEW THE RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE CITY OF LA CAÑADA-FLINTRIDGE.**
- 10. STATEMENT OF MARY BARRIE, PRESIDENT OF THE LA CAÑADA-FLINTRIDGE TRAILS COUNCIL, REGARDING THE ELIMINATION OF THE TRAIL MAINTENANCE CREW FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION'S BUDGET; AND REQUESTING THE BOARD TO ALLOCATE FUNDS TO SUPPORT THE TRAIL MAINTENANCE CREW.**
- 11. STATEMENT OF LIZ BLACKWELDER, ROSE BOWL RIDERS, REGARDING THE ELIMINATION OF TRAIL MAINTENANCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION'S BUDGET; AND THE 1996 NOMINATION AND SELECTION OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY AS ONE OF THE TOP TEN**

**â€œTRAIL TOWNSâ€ IN THE UNITED STATES IN A CONTEST SPONSORED BY THE AMERICAN HIKING SOCIETY.**

- 12. STATEMENT OF LINDA PALMER, FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS TRAILS COUNCIL, REGARDING THE ELIMINATION OF TRAIL MAINTENANCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION'S BUDGET; AND REQUESTING THAT THE BOARD NOT ELIMINATE THE TRAIL MAINTENANCE CREW.**
- 13. STATEMENT OF ROSA LAVEAGA, SUPERINTENDENT OF THE ARROYO SECO IN THE CITY OF PASADENA AND EMPLOYEE OF THE PARK AND NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION OF THE CITY OF PASADENA, REGARDING THE REDUCTION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION'S TRAIL MAINTENANCE BUDGET; THE IMPORTANCE OF TRAIL MAINTENANCE BY AN EXPERIENCED CREW WITH SPECIALIZED EQUIPMENT; AND THE CITY OF PASADENA'S OFFER TO PROVIDE A LAGER MAINTENANCE YARD AT NO COST TO THE COUNTY FOR USE BY THE COUNTY'S TRAIL MAINTENANCE CREW.**
- 14. STATEMENT OF DEBORAH STEVENS, ANTELOPE VALLEY TRAIL RECREATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL, REGARDING THE ELIMINATION OF TRAIL MAINTENANCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION'S BUDGET.**
- 15. STATEMENT OF BOB LEWIS, PRESIDENT OF CASTAIC AREA TOWN COUNCIL, REGARDING THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION'S PROPOSED BUDGET RECOMMENDATION TO RETURN CASTAIC LAKE TO THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA; THE POTENTIAL LOSS OF SALES TAX AND SERVICE REVENUE GENERATED BY VISITORS TO THE CASTAIC LAKE; AND THE SUBMISSION OF PETITIONS OPPOSING THE PROPOSAL TO RETURN THE OPERATION OF CASTAIC LAKE TO THE STATE.**
- 16. STATEMENT OF TERE TUCKER, SECRETARY AND CHAIR OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION FOR CASTAIC AREA TOWN COUNCIL, REGARDING THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION'S PROPOSED BUDGET RECOMMENDATION TO RETURN CASTAIC LAKE TO THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA; THE DECLINE OF PROPERTY VALUES IN THE AREA IF CASTAIC LAKE IS RETURNED TO THE STATE; AND NEW DEVELOPMENT IN THE AREA OF CASTAIC LAKE BY GENERAL MOTORS.**
- 17. STATEMENT OF HEIDI WEBBER, TREASURER OF THE PLACERITA CANYON NATURE CENTER ASSOCIATES, REGARDING THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION'S PROPOSED BUDGET**

**RECOMMENDATION TO RETURN PLACERITA CANYON NATURAL AREA TO THE STATE; REVENUE SAVED BY THE COUNTY DUE TO THE VOLUNTEER'S; AND POTENTIAL CLOSURE OF COMMUNITY PROGRAMS AND RELOCATION OF PARK EMPLOYEES IF PLACERITA CANYON NATURAL AREA IS RETURNED TO THE STATE.**

- 18. STATEMENT OF BILL WEBBER, PLACERITA CANYON NATURAL AREA REGARDING THE CLOSURE OF PLACERITA CANYON NATURAL AREA.**
- 19. STATEMENT OF KATHY OCHOA, A REPRESENTATIVE OF LOCAL 660 SEIU, AFL-CIO, REGARDING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES BUDGET; LOCAL 660'S WILLINGNESS TO WORK WITH THE COUNTY TO REFORM AND MODERNIZE THE HEALTH SYSTEM; ADDITIONAL RESOURCES TO THE COUNTY AS A RESULT OF THE PASSAGE OF MEASURE B; CLOSURE OF HIGH DESERT HOSPITAL, CLOSURE OR PRIVATIZATION OF RANCHO LOS AMIGOS NATIONAL REHABILITATION CENTER, SERVICE REDUCTIONS AT KING DREW MEDICAL CENTER AND LAC+USC MEDICAL CENTER; AND REQUESTING THAT THE BOARD ONLY ADOPT THE STATUS QUO PORTION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES' BUDGET**
- 20. STATEMENT OF SHIRLEY CARTER, A REPRESENTATIVE OF LOCAL 660 SEIU, AFL-CIO, REGARDING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES' PROPOSED BUDGET REDUCTIONS; THE PROPOSED REDUCTION IN CALWORKS ELIGIBILITY WORKERS; AND SUGGESTED THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES EXAMINE ALL CONTRACTS FOR POTENTIAL COST SAVINGS; ALSO STATEMENT REGARDING THE LOS ANGELES ELIGIBILITY, AUTOMATED DETERMINATION, EVALUATION AND REPORTING (LEADER) SYSTEM.**
- 21. STATEMENT OF LAWRENCE HILL, A REPRESENTATIVE OF LOCAL 660 SEIU, AFL-CIO, REGARDING THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES' BUDGET REDUCTIONS, SPECIFICALLY THE REDUCED STATE ALLOCATION OF FUNDING FOR THE COUNTY'S CHILD SUPPORT PROGRAM.**

- 22. STATEMENT OF RAMON RUBALCAVA, A REPRESENTATIVE OF LOCAL 660 SEIU, AFL-CIO, REGARDING SERVICE REDUCTIONS AND POLICIES REFLECTED IN THE 2003-04 PROPOSED BUDGET; AND SUBMISSION OF THE BROCHURE RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET CRISIS.**
- 23. STATEMENT OF DOUGLAS BARNETT IN SUPPORT OF VARIOUS PROGRAMS FOR THE SECOND SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT; AND SUPPORT FOR THE COALITION FOR BLACKS' BEST INTEREST.**
- 24. STATEMENT OF RAHIMAJ ASUBIAN-BRINKLEY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CULTURAL REFLECTIONS PRODUCTIONS CO. LTD, REQUESTING SUPPORT FOR AN EDUCATIONAL ARTS TELECOMMUNICATION FACILITY, A HOSPITAL WITH A TRAINING UNIT OF DOCTORS AND NURSES, AMBULANCE TRAINING; ALSO STATEMENT RELATING TO THE ENVIRONMENT AND CONDITIONS OF THE COUNTY JAIL; AND SUPPORT FOR THE COALITION FOR BLACKS' BEST INTEREST.**
- 25. STATEMENT OF WARREN WILLIAMS REQUESTING SUPPORT AND FUNDING FOR THE ATTACHED PROPOSAL TITLED "THE AFRICAN-AMERICANS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY SPECIAL TASK FORCE ON CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES, ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE, QUALITY LIVING CONDITIONS, SPECIAL NEEDS, RESOURCES AND EDUCATION PROJECT" SUBMITTED BY THE COALITION FOR BLACKS' BEST INTEREST.**
- 26. STATEMENT OF RUTH CHIQUITA SUMMERS BURGESS PAYNE REGARDING THE 2003-04 PROPOSED BUDGET; AND SUPPORT FOR THE COALITION FOR BLACKS' BEST INTEREST PROPOSAL.**
- 27. STATEMENT OF RICHARD ROBINSON, REGARDING THE NEED FOR DEPUTY SHERIFF'S.**

[See Final Action  
Video](#)

### **Closing**

The Special Meeting meeting of the Board of Supervisors relating to the 2003-04 Proposed Budget adjourned (Supervisor Antonovich was absent). Further, the Budget hearing was continued to Tuesday, May 20, 2003 at 10:00 a.m. for the purpose of hearing testimony from the District Attorney. Following his testimony the hearing will recess until no earlier than 1:00 p.m. at which time the Board will hear

testimony from the Sheriff, Chief Administrative Officer, County Counsel, Auditor-Controller and others regarding the 2003-04 Proposed Budget. Next regular meeting of the Board is Tuesday, May 20, 2002 at 9:30 a.m. (03-1493)

The foregoing is a fair statement of the proceedings of the Special Meeting relating to the 2003-04 Proposed Budget held Wednesday, May 14, 2003 , by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies and authorities for which said Board so acts.

Violet Varona-Lukens, Executive Officer  
Executive Officer-Clerk  
of the Board of Supervisors